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## STATEMENT GIVEN ON PROTECTION OF U.S. PROPERTY

Project Director Leroy H. Bennett yesterday issued the following notice concerning protection of government property:

"Every employee of the United States Government has a definite responsibility to protect property belonging to the United States. This responsibility extends to care, maintenance, and protection from theft.

"Whenever any type of government property is destroyed by fire, stolen, or willfully damaged, and investigation and prosecution of the offenders, if apprehended, is conducted by federal officers and trials and sentences are the jurisdiction of federal courts.

"It is my duty as Director to turn over the federal officials any information which may lead to the conviction of anyone at Gila who misappropriates federal property, carelessly permits its loss through fire, or willfully damages anything belonging to the Government.

"This is a notice to evacuee residents and appointed staff that such cases are outside of the jurisdiction of the Judicial Commission or mine as Director. Offenses will be rapidly investigated and prosecuted."

## EXPOSURE CAUSE OF WADA DEATH

The coroner's jury which investigated the death of Otomatsu Wada, 72, whose body was found on the desert near Bon on March 22, found that the former Gila had "come to his death due to exposure and his extreme age." Wada disappeared April, 1943.

## Kansuma Group Will Perform

Miss Fujima Kansuma and about 10 of her students, one from Utah and the rest Rivers girls, will perform this Saturday and Sunday evening at the Butte and Canal community stages, respectively.

The program at Butte will start from 7:30 at the amphitheater this Saturday. No admission will be charged; donations are being received by the block managers.

Canal residents will see the performance Sunday night from 7 o'clock at the stage. No admission will be charged as expenses for the affair will be paid by the profit made at the movies.

## GLENDALE NISEI GETS D.S.C. AWARD

The Distinguished Service Cross has been awarded to Pvt. George T. Sakato, Glendale, by Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch, commander of the Seventh Army, the Poston WRA reported.

Pvt. Sakato, member of the 442nd infantry won the nation's second highest military honor for participating in the rescue of the lost battalion near Belfontaine, France, Oct. 29, 1944. His unit was pinned down by heavy fire after reducing two enemy defense lines.

## 442nd Captures Italian Heights

Crack Japanese American infantry, spearheading the U.S. Fifth Army's drive on the western flank of the newly active Italian battlefront, captured 3,000-foot Monte Belvedere and drove within two miles of Massa, according to an A.P. report of the Allied headquarters announcement.

The Nazi grip on Massa and nearby Carrara, was threatened by the Fifth

## EIGHT CALLED FOR INDUCTION ON APRIL 27

Eight Gila men have been called for Army induction in Phoenix on Friday April 27. Three are from Canal, four from Butte, and one is relocated.

The eight to be sworn in are as follows:

Tsutomu T. Kawamura	57-11-B
George Y. Tanaka	23-10-C
Tetsuya Kurisu	10-4-B
	(relocated)
M. Jack Fukuzawa	20-4-D
Frank Kuwamoto	47-2-D
Jimmy I. Tanaka	44-6-A
Richard S. Matsumura	46-11-D
Torrance M. Oishi	23-9-E

## Gila Trust Fund Redistribution

A redistribution is to be made during the month of April, of approximately \$16,800.00 which represents the balance remaining in the Gila River Evacuee Workers Trust Fund. This amount being redistributed is the balance remaining in the trust fund after all expenses and tax refunds have been made.

The Butte Community Council will receive approximately \$2,400.00 of this amount which represents donations of some 1072 residents. The balance will be distributed to individuals who received their portion of the first distribution.

The Trustees for this fund are W.G. Graham, Tamotsu Ikemoto, and Shobei Sasaki. Sasaki is in charge of this redistribution.

Army's surge northward near the Ligurian coast.

The Americans of Japanese ancestry, members of the 442nd infantry regiment, gained four miles in 48 hours, wiped out one company of Germans and virtually destroyed two others and took more than 100 prisoners.